(ix) SCA should form an integral part of TSP for annual plans/five year plans of the State.

(x) 10% of the fund allocated for the financial year is to be utilized for the purpose of extending incentives to States for effective implementation of TSP.

Wage restructuring of Mini-Anganwadi Centres

*447. SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the workers and helpers of 36,829 Mini-Anganwadi Centres are paid less than employees in any other Anganwadi Centre;

(b) the total amount involved in this differential wage structure from the Central Government allocation; and

(c) whether Government plan to upgrade the status of Mini-Anganwadi Centres?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) Yes, Madam.

(b) As distinct from regular Anganwadi Centre (AWC), Mini-AWC is set-up in habitation/settlement having population of 150-500 in rural areas and 150-300 in tribal/riverine/desert, hilly and other difficult areas. The honorarium paid to Anganwadi Worker engaged in Mini-Anganwadi Centre is Rs. 500/- p.m. whereas it is, on an average, Rs. 1000/- per month, in case of Anganwadi Worker in a regular Anganwadi Centre. The total amount of money involved in this differential honorarium structure for 36829 sanctioned Mini-Anganwadi Centres works out to about Rs. 22 crore per annum.

(c) Till recently only one of the six services *i.e.* Supplementary Nutrition was being provided through Mini-Anganwadi Centres. However, now all the six services under ICDS Scheme are being provided from Mini-Anganwadi Centres also.